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SUMMARY.

The King granted audience at Windsor to the Chinese mission, which is studying the organization of the British navy.

The Salvation Army has arranged to lodge and feed 1000 of London's unemployed.

The King of Egypt is among the pilgrims returning to Mecca.

The Vicerey of Chih-ki has been censured by the Emperor of China for allowing photographs of the Empress Dowager's funeral to be taken.

A strong shock of earthquake was experienced at Messina at midnight on Sunday.

The inhabitants fled from their houses into the open.

Government troops have defeated the insurgents in North Persia. Four hundred of the rebels were captured.

The United States Commission of Pe-
nance paid £32,400,000 in the last fiscal year to pensioners.

Officers of the general staff of the
British army at Vienna received postal pa-
cket bags allotted to be samples of a nerve cur-

A captain tasted the sample sent, and said it was delicious.

The packets contained cylinders of pot-

The golden wedding celebrations of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch took place at Dal-
housie House, Dalkeith.

M. Paillard holds the record height of 1860
metres, set by M. Latshaw, on his aeroplane
at Châlons Camp.

Race meetings have been arranged at Ber-
keley for every Sunday from March to Novem-
ber.

It is stated that the United States Govern-
ment is dissatisfied with the explanation by
Nicaragua of the execution of the American
Marines.

The United States gunboat Marlette has
been sent to Nicaragua.

The chairman of the Canadian Pacific Rail-
way is opposed to a Canadian navy. He has
been strengthening the British navy.

After a series of trials three craters
were formed in Tennessee emitted lava, which
flowed in a stream 500 yards wide.

A town was threatened and the inhabitants
left. The eruption is now diminishing.

Many shooting scenes occurred when the 70
men were rescued alive from St. Paul's
Canyon, Illinois.

The British War Office is inviting applica-
tions for May 1 of designs and patterns for automa-
tic belts.

It is reported that China has opened nego-
tiations for the purchase of the Russian sec-
tion of the Manchurian railway.

An arbitration treaty between Italy and the
Netherlands has been signed.

The Dreadnoughts Rheinland and Peene will
be ready for delivery to the German Admir-
alty next spring.

The situation in Newcastle is unchanged.
Both sides are determined, and a prolonged
negotiation is expected.

The Sydney Ferries, Limited, has decided to
cease its services from to-morrow. New
time-tables are to be issued.

The Balmain and Lane Cove ferry services
are also to be reduced.

The Premier has applied to the commis-
sioner of police for Bairnsdale's interview.

Mr. Wade says he has offered the usual
terms of arbitration by a third person where
the parties cannot agree.

The position of the man is, Mr. Wade re-
plies, that we have arbitration; our
laws must prevail.

The Victorian Minister for Public Works has
agreed that the Governor-General in-
vited to intervene in the strike.

The Empathic Society has written to various
political parties to ascertain their stand on
the strike. It will, however, be
unable to act when called upon.

The building trade is feeling the effects of
the strike. Several brickworks have closed
down.

It is believed that by the end of the week
the supply of bricks to jobs in the metropolitan
area will have stopped.

Several of the large city buildings have
also suspended work, and their number is
increasing daily.

Additional unions at Broken Hill have
struck twice in aid of the Newcastle strikers.

The position so far as Brisbane is concerned
is serious. The Railway Department has very
little fuel in store.

It is understood that the Federal session
will close in December.

Senate will probably meet on Tues-
days, in addition to the ordinary sitting days,
to clear up the business.

Lord Cheeseman visited Grafton yesterday,
and was publicly welcomed at the local Town
Hall.

The Premier was reported last night to be
slightly improved in health. He is progres-
sing towards recovery.

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THE CONFERENCE.

The election of delegates to the approach teachers' conference, among metropolitan teachers, took place on Saturday. The voting averaged above that of municipal and other elections, viz., 50 per cent. of those eligible, there being over two hundred votes from four hundred and twenty schools. The nomination of headmasters, much exceeded the required number, and the voting was close, the following being elected:—Messrs. Box (Woolloomooloo), W. Black (Mosman), W. Broome (Stammore), W. F. Clements (Naroombah), Jas. Conway (Cleveland-street), A. Cousins (Neutral Bay), H. L. Fry (Gordon), H. G. Godfrey (Alton-street), W. J. Higgins (Ammadah North), J. Walker (Banksia), and Mr. Keay (Kensington).

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

He slipped away before I could seize him, and had not time to notice the name of the rank, start, shore down, perhaps 500ft. to the rocks of the beach below. We were northward of the castle which faces south-east and lies across the bay, with bears so vague and shadowy he had to wait for the change of German. Behind me lay a stately untempered Italian garden, and upon the side a Gothic garden. But the beauty of the place were entirely eastward, where a glorious panorama of sea and sky and shining land gained the eye at every turn.

The headwaters there was only an excess of water, the number needed, the voting, however, was closer than that for headmasters.

Those elected are:—Miss Beaumont (Kingsford), Mrs. Dixon (Paddington), Mrs. De Saxe (Ultimo), Miss Ferguson (Balmain), Mrs. R. Lucas (Parramatta South), Miss McHugh (Redfern), Miss M. Miller (Inchicore), Miss A. Morris (Kogarah), Miss F. Newton (Moss Vale), Miss Partridge (Port-street), Miss Ryan (Newtown).

Of women assistants the number nominated did not exceed the number required. Of men assistants the nominations and voting were close. Those elected are:—Messrs. Cramp (Teachers' College), A. W. C. Hart (Port-street), J. O. Bourke (Teachers' College), A. W. Brock (Eastwood), Mr. Chalmers (Padstow), H. E. Davison (Blackfriars), G. Francis (Teachers' College), F. Halbert (Annandale North), J. H. Hopman (Burwood), MacKenna (Port-street), J. G. Mathews (Nicholson-street), R. J. Middleton (Teachers' College).

The country elections are closing, and delegates' names are being collected to the general secretary, Mr. S. A. Keay.

DELEGATES' CONCESSIONS.

The teachers' conference being set down for the first Monday in midsummer vacation, renders it impracticable for teachers who live in far-removed districts to reach Sydney in time for the opening, as their schools do not close until the previous Friday afternoon. Representations of the class teachers have been made to the Minister for Education, with a view to the Minister granting leave to delegates to close their schools or to obtain leave of absence; so as to reach Sydney by the Monday morning.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

The Department of Public Instruction has made arrangements for distributing supplies of material for its schools from its own store-rooms. The contractors will be well informed, given time to time to the departmental stores, and the goods will be sent from there to the schools, instead of as heretofore from the contractors' warehouses. It has been found that considerable congestion has always arisen in the first quarter of each year and continued delay. By a system of allowing separate months as periods of supply to certain sections of the schools it is hoped that this congestion will be relieved, and the school authorities will be enabled to get the necessary conditions into working order supplementary requirements may be necessary; but by the close of 1910 school supplies should be matters giving little concern to those who now often find themselves inconvenienced.

LIVING ALLOWANCES.

Among the many matters submitted from country teachers' associations to the central council at the approaching conference, the question of living allowance is prominent. Evidently teachers in unfavourable localities require larger allowances than those in especially favourable. The increased cost has consumed the living allowance, and as the allowance itself has not increased the teacher feels himself with a sense of receiving no benefit. It is proposed at the conference to discuss the whole question of salaries, with a view to making certain representations to the Minister. In addition to the increase in salary, the cost of living, fares, cleaning and rent, will be dealt with, as also the periods of promotion between grades. The separate motions on these matters sent from the country branches have been arranged and brought under the one heading—salaries.

CONCERNING SALARIES.

Concerning salaries, the developments in education towards the establishment of secondary schools are being watched with interest by the present primary teachers. The creation of secondary schools will give rise to special positions, and while these will no doubt be open to present primary teachers having the necessary qualifications, the increased expenditure in education, it is thought, may for some time affect primary school salaries.

TEACHERS' COLLEGE CONCERT.

The annual concert of the Teachers' College Glee Club, which took place on Friday evening, left a margin of profit. It is not the object of the club to make money, so much as to cultivate music among students for the general promotion of that subject in the schools. Mr. S. A. Keay, who conducted, is showing year by year an extended improvement in vocal music among the students, which must carry with it good consequences when the students go out into the schools, where good singing has always been regarded as a distinctive feature.

AGE OF COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE.

Among the discussions on education everywhere taking place, the raising of the age of compulsory school attendance occupies prominence. Primary school attendance now ceases at 14 years, and well known that many pupils leave school before that age. Great Britain, America, Germany, France, and others dealing with this question. At the annual meeting of the National Federation of Assistant Teachers in New South Wales, the new president said mainly with the development of the school age, and for educational care during the period of adolescence. The neglect of the State, he said, to provide guidance and care for those between 12 and 14 years of age resulted in the waste of large part of the earlier training in the primary schools, and other leakage to the secondary schools.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

On the 23rd November, 1909, the Will of JOSEPH STRATHAN (otherwise known as Joseph Savage), late of Devon Station, Queensland, was proved. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of JOSEPH STRATHAN be granted to PATRICK O'HALLORAN and THOMAS MAGRATH, the executors named in the will. All debts and expenses of the administration will be defrayed by the executors. The executors are requested to forward their account to the Master of the Rolls, London, and to the Attorney-General, Sydney, for his signature.

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LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith,
and Justices Barton, O'Connor, and
Ilanas.)

INDUSTRIAL APPEAL

FINALITY OF AWARDS.

Baxter v. Clickers' Association and others.

Mr. Wise, K.C., Mr. McEachern, and Mr.

Bell, appeared for Messrs. Betts and Son, of Goulburn, through their agents, Messrs.

Pigott and Stevenson, appeared for the am-

pliant, Henry Baxter, trading as the Clickers'

Association, an industrial union of employees,

and Mr. G. S. Beeby.

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BIRTHS.

MCDONALD.—At Bradfield Private Hospital, Dr. W. F. McDonald, of Wahroonga, son of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HORN—GIBSON.—October 6, at St. Peter's Church, Campbelltown, Mr. J. H. Gibson, father, William Elleson, eldest son of Mrs. A. and the late Elleson Toms, of Bowral, to the late Elleson Toms, of Edith May, daughter of the Rev. E. Z. and Mrs. Gibbons, the Rector, Campbelltown.

DEATHS.

BALL.—November 15, 1909, at his residence, One-mile Gully, Queensland, Andrew Ball, native of Tasmania, aged 70 years.

CALKE.—November 15, 1909, at the Royal North Shore Hospital, Richard Leonard, the dearly beloved husband of Ethel and William Calke, aged 70 years. At rest.

CHAPMAN.—November 22, 1909, Eliza Day Chapman, dearly beloved wife of John J. Chapman, of Rockdale, New South Wales.

CHEETHAM.—November 22, 1909, at Carribee Hospital, Macleay Street, John Cheetham, native of England, aged 62.

MARTIN.—November 22, at the residence of his grandparents, Stanley Street, North Adelaide, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, parents of Mr. J. Martin, Pilot Service, Newcastle, aged 7 years and 8 months.

MINTON.—November 22, 1909, at his late residence, Edgcliffe, 17 Johnston-street, Balmain, Alderman Thomas Frederick Minton, Mayor of Balmain, beloved husband of Mrs. Minton, aged 72.

MORGAN.—November 22, 1909, at his late residence, Chatswood, Burwood-road, Burwood, William Morgan, aged 70 years.

MCMAHON.—November 16, 1909, Ada Louise, infant daughter of W. A. and the late Ada Scullin, aged 45.

TONGOOD.—November 18, 1909, at Princes Alfred Hospital, John, aged 7 years. Head paper please copy.

VERALL.—November 18, 1909, at his late residence, Alfred Verall (known as T. Smith), of Sydney-road, Granville, aged 72.

WILKINSON.—November 22, 1909, at Selsley, Dulwich-street, Haberfield, Arthur Ernest, only child of Ernest and Edith Vick, aged 46 months.

IN MEMORIAM.

BATMAN.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Harry T. Batman, who departed this life on June 20, 1909, at his residence, 100 Dulwich, after a long illness.

The services we placed before his grave will never decay.

But the love for him lay beneath the earth, and never faded.

Inscribed by his loving mother and sisters.

BANSELL.—In loving memory of my beloved husband, Thomas Edmund Cannell, who departed this life November 20, 1909, at his residence, 100 Dulwich, Newstead-street, Wavellie. Incribed by his loving wife.

CANNELL.—In loving memory of our dear father, Thomas Edmund Cannell.

But in our hearts he is still living.

Inscribed by his loving son, Robert, Frederick, Edward, and their two daughters, Hannah, Dorothy, Lillian, and Carol, Kinnar, Caversham.

DAVISON.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life on November 22, 1909, gone but not forgotten. Incribed by her loving son, Robert, and daughter, Lillian.

DICKSON.—In loving memory of my dear brother, William High, who departed this life November 22, 1909, Incribed by his wife, A. H. Dickson.

Life's work well done.

And now at rest.

DONOHUE.—In loving memory of our dear Jim, who died November 22, 1909, and his brothers, Tom, Eddie, Joe, and Con.

FALL.—In loving remembrance of my dearly beloved son, David Hastings Fawcett, who died November 22, 1909, aged 3 years and 4 months. They may live again in the bosom of the Father, Thomas D. Fawcett, Mrs. Fawcett, and their two sons, Michael and Edward.

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MCMAHON.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Anna O'Neill, who passed away November 22, 1909, Incribed by her daughter, Kathleen, O'Neill.

MCMAHON.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Anna O'Neill, who died November 22, 1909, aged 86 years, Incribed by her loving mother, brothers, and sisters.

MANNING.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Rebecca May, who departed this life November 22, 1909, aged 30 years. They may live again in the bosom of the Father, Mrs. Manning, and their two sons, Michael and Edward.

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would have to wait until their own Industrial Court dealt with the matter later on. That was the miners' present condition. It had lived the employers and made their conditions because they thought they were powerful enough to crush the miners. If the men went into the court under such conditions they would be prejudicing their cases right away.

EXPERIMENTS WITH WOOD.

The high price of coal forced the proprietor of the Gosford trader *Brisa* to try horse fat wood instead of the place of coal. The vessel stopped at the coal wharf at Gosford to take coal free, but inside the bar five or six tons of two-foot timbers were placed on board, and a smooth run it was experienced with. The vessel stopped at the coal wharf on Brisbane Water allowed the fireman to keep a "full head" of steam, but on the outward journey, when big "jubilee" was on between Barwon and the coal heads, high-priced coal had to be shoveled into the furnace to keep the vessel going.

When the small owners of Western Harbour were racing, however, the vessel had to be resorted to, and there was little trouble in getting sufficient steam to enable the vessel to berth at Russell's wharf.

The vessel was making the journey to and from Gosford is about 12 hours, but with mixed fuel the trip occupied a trifle over 17 hours.

FEDERAL INTERVENTION.

"EMINENT DOMAIN."

MONDAY, November 23.—The Metropolitan Council of the Federal Federation has carried the following resolution:

"That this council profoundly regrets the inability of the Federal Legislature to make operative and determine the law of eminent domain in regard to the dispute now existing in the coal industry; and is further of opinion that the Federal Government should immediately take the necessary steps to bring about the paramount right of the people's Parliament to invade State territory for the purpose of engaging in all industrial enterprise."

DELEGATE TO BROKEN HILL.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.—Mr. W. Brennan, general secretary of the Miners' Federated Union, left yesterday on his way to Broken Hill. The Broken Hill unions some days ago placed a resolution sympathising with the Newcastle miners, and asked for a full-gate out to assist them to explain the situation. It is believed that Mr. Brennan intends to endeavour to bring the Broken Hill miners within the jurisdiction of the central executive so that they may be made if required.

A SECRET BALLOT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—Sir,—I make the suggestion that the proprietors and strike leaders agree to a secret ballot of the men being taken as to their willingness to return to work even though no strike is in progress. Many of our grievances are being commenced coincidently with the commencement of work, and the result of this will be to give strength to all parties. If the vote is uniform, then the whole position will remain unaltered. If the various interests at stake are now being contested by each party with equal intensity, then the time has come when the above suggestion should acceptable to the proprietors, strike leaders, and men alike. I am, etc., C. E.

A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—Sir,—In vain one looks for a direct expression of opinion by the workers themselves in all their meetings. The strike leaders and strike business is engrossed by the leaders, those striving for a place among the gallant few who, for a just consideration, and public welfare, have given up their liberty. Managers dare not submit the question, "Shall we strike or not?" to the direct, secret, and unaniimated ballot of the men. They have no voice, and the strike leaders, with their thirfty and level-headed wretched will vastly outnumber the small minority of hot-heads, and place themselves.

The more that workmen should express their opinions, it is certain that no panic decisions affecting the whole body should be carried out without the legal 14 days' notice, and the ballot of each body of workers should be carried out, leaving the leadership of the strike committee full power of decisioning the question at issue.

We read of members of these committees desiring to confer with unions of other States. Such action necessarily will bring the disputes within the cognizance of the Commonwealth, and is well to point out to the public that the above suggestion should be acceptable to the proprietors, strike leaders, and men alike.

I am, etc., W. SINCLAIR.

AN EAST ROAD TO NATIONALISATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—Sir,—Considering that this sad coal strike business has gone far enough, I think the strike leaders should take it up and try to bring the parties together, and bring about once more "industrial peace." Christmas time is approaching, with all its rejoicing, and the strike leaders are still here, but if steps are not taken at once, the Christmas of 1909 will leave behind it sad memories indeed. May I suggest something which may help to bring about a settlement, and perhaps prevent many other steps? Let each side elect, say, seven men to represent them on a "permanent disputes committee," and let each side elect a chairman. The chairman will be responsible for the arrangement of lodges, and the like.

To ensure the genuine nature of such ballot, the boxes should be in charge of independent sworn scrutineers. I am, etc., KALCHAS.

THE COMMUNITY SUFFERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THIS HERALD.—Sir,—Whatever opinion we may hold as to the seriousness of other strikes, I think the strike at Sydney is the most serious, and it is fair to say that neither the miners nor the proprietors are likely to be very much hurt by the cessation of work.

As far as the present somewhat responsible strike goes, it is known that as soon as the strike is over they can return to work; the proprietors will probably, on the resumption of work, give the miners a raise in pay.

They have occupied themselves for any losses sustained. The people who are suffering are the public, and unfortunately, they are not very well informed.

On the other hand, the miners are held responsible for State control, and the like. As far as the miners are concerned, they are plain; the strike is over they can return to work; the proprietors will probably, on the resumption of work, give the miners a raise in pay.

What an impetus and advantage Australian industries would be given by economic betterment. We can see that the men who got paid in gold in America, and in which we seem to care nothing for the community in which they are placed. I am, etc., F. T. WARD.

THE ONE-SIDED LAW.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—Sir,—My existing laws are derided and set at nought. Its existing laws are unenforced, and the law-breakers go unpunished. This condition of things is not an accident, but the result of the want of enforcement of the provisions of the Industrial Dispute Act. This is an equitable Act, passed by the public alike of employers and the public.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A small volume of business only was affected on "Chancery". Marcus Clark, ordinary, 1/-; Neutral coal advancing 1/2d, others 1/-; coal advanced 1/2d, 1/-; others 1/- at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning Star, Sydney Hydraulic, contg., 12/-; A.J.S., Bank B deposits, 11/5; Newcastle Coal, 12/2/8. Afternoon: Marcus Clark and Co., 12/2/8. Closing quotations were:—

ful comparisons to be drawn. Glancing first at the figures for the three months, we find that wool from those for the corresponding period last year for the same month. The September quarter is usually a heavy import time, but this year the excess of imports over exports is considerably less than last year. The figures (excluding special) are:

SEPTEMBER QUARTER.	1908.	1909.
Imports	4,006,504	4,006,647
Exports	3,984,095	3,984,095
Excess of imports	22,409	22,409

Taking the full year ended September, 1908, and 1909, imports and exports compare thus:—

Company.	Amount of Shares Capital	Price.
SHILLS, F.R.	1,000	419,700.10
B.C. & Co.	1,000	16,372.00
Increase in imports	47,328.373	
IMPORTS.	417,500.00	
1909	14,015.095	
Increase in imports	42,834.000	

Adding the excess of imports to the falling off of exports, we get a total change of over 22,409, which is about 1/2 per cent. away from the earlier year under notice.

The excess of imports over exports is due to the balance of trade between sales and purchases of the same period of the previous year.

It is true the Dominion has sold more wool in 1909 (nearly £20,000,000), but the

wise discretion that has been exercised by importers during the past year has restored the equilibrium, and brought New Zealand's trade once more to a healthy basis.

PASTORAL, INDUSTRY AND CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

It is noteworthy that, side by side with the growth of the New Zealand Government's closer settlement policy, there is nevertheless a large increase in the production of the pastoral products. The figures for the past three years of the quantity of wool exported (which is, of course, in addition to a substantial amount used in local factories) are:

1906.	1907.	1908.
Wool	161,000,000	161,000,000
Wool, N.Z.	10,000	10,000
Other	10,000	10,000
Total	171,000,000	171,000,000

Details of the Dominion's exports for the years ended September 30, 1908 and 1909 respectively, are as under:—

1908.	1909.	
Wool and shags	1,300,000	1,300,000
Meat	3,120,000	2,720,000
Butter and cheese	1,911,000	1,810,000
Grain	1,000	1,000
Meat, N.Z.	68,532	144,781
Other	1,000	1,000
Total	4,000,000	3,730,000

The frozen beef exports from July 1 to date totalled 565 quarters and pieces—Philippines Islands 333, British New Guinea 3, Singapore, Java, etc., 122, and United Kingdom 10.

BUTTER EXPORTS.

Butter shipments from Sydney during the week ended November 26 amounted to 13,230 boxes, all going to New Zealand, 10,000 to India, 4,000 to the South Seas Islands, 3 to German New Guinea, and 50 to Port Said.

The following exports for the year ended July 1, 1909, make with those for the same period of last year:

United Kingdom and Continent	363,700	361,311
India	1,000	1,000
South Seas Islands	1,000	1,000
Other	1,000	1,000
Total	365,700	363,311

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INTERSTATE MARKETS.

What was firm, though owing to the uncertainty of the interstate position, business was quiet. Sydney wool was quoted at 1/- per lb. and 1/- per lb. per 100 lbs.

The exports of mutton carcasses from Sydney to July 1, 1909, had been the following, together with a comparison of those for the same period of the previous year:

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HOBART STOCK MARKET.

The following details of wool manifested to arrive at Hobart on November 26, 1909, make with those for the same period of last year:

United Kingdom and Continent	363,700	361,311
India	1,000	1,000
South Seas Islands	1,000	1,000
Other	1,000	1,000
Total	365,700	363,311

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AUSTRALIA STOCK MARKET.

The following details of wool manifested to arrive at Australia on November 26, 1909, make with those for the same period of last year:

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India	1,000	1,000
South Seas Islands	1,000	1,000
Other	1,000	1,000
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